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As Director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services ("Department"), pursuant to Executive Orders 20-02 and 20-04, I am vested with the authority to temporarily waive or suspend the operation of any statutory requirement or administrative rule, upon approval of the Office of the Governor. After consultation with and receiving approval from the Office of the Governor, I am hereby waiving the following laws in order to assist the state, and its citizens prepare and respond to COVID-19 until May 15, 2020, unless otherwise modified by the Department.

Waivers Relating to Senior and Disability Services

19 CSR 15-8.200, is waived to the extent necessary to temporarily ease restrictions on consumer directed services to reduce or eliminate face-to-face assessments and vendor requirements that would violate social distancing principles.

19 CSR 15-4.160(4), is waived to the extent necessary to temporarily extend a requirement that DHSS approve Area Agency on Aging plans or plan amendments within 15 days of submission. This waiver avoids the need for public hearings, which would violate social distancing orders.

19 CSR 15-4.240, 19 CSR 15-7.060, is waived to the extent necessary to temporarily suspend certain requirements for nutrition services for the elderly to permit Area Agencies on Aging to contract with local restaurants to prepare and deliver home delivered meals.

Section 192.2490.3, RSMo., is waived to the extent necessary to suspend requirement for hearing within 30 days of a request for hearing on the placement of a long term care facility employee on the Employee Disqualification List. However, such employee shall not be added to the Employee Disqualification List until they have a hearing.

19 CSR 15-7.021 (24)(B), is waived to the extent necessary to temporarily suspend requirement that in home service providers maintain verification of a current Missouri nursing license for personnel. This is to maintain coherence with nursing reciprocity waivers.

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